

David J. Summers went home to the Lord with his wife by his side on June 12, 2023. He was born January 16, 1956 in Moorhead, Minnesota to Delores (Hanson) and John Summers. As a young adult, he pursued a nursing education and career in western Minnesota. Then, in 1988, Dave challenged himself once again by moving to Arizona and acquiring an HVAC certification. The training kicked off his career with the state of Arizona as the Facilities Director of the Arizona Supreme Court, which was where he met Kelly, the love of his life. Dave served for 30 years in his role with the courts until his retirement in 2020. Also, during his time in Arizona, Dave used his healthcare background to become a certified EMT supporting the Happy Jack volunteer fire department.

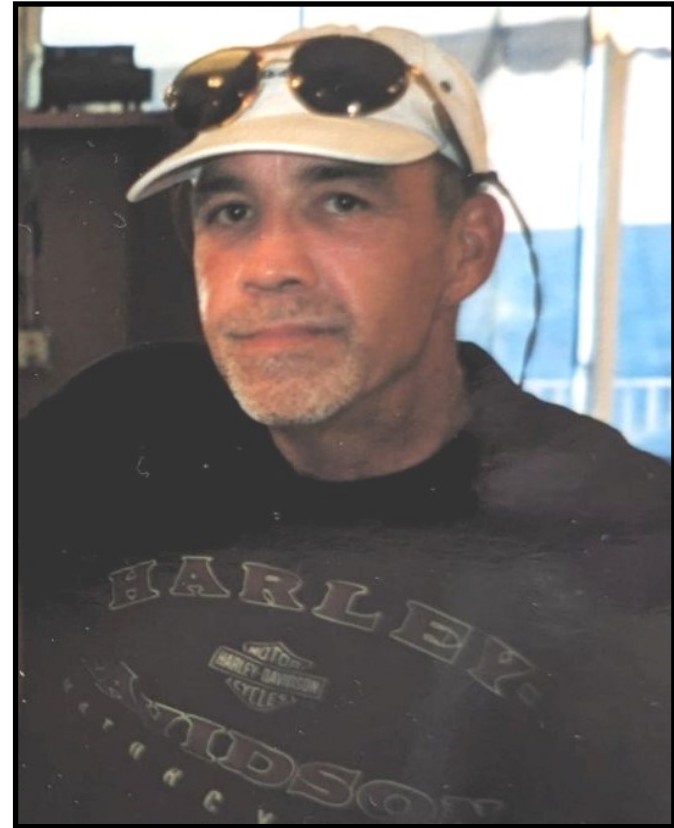
Dave developed a love of adventure for the great outdoors at a young age. Along with friends and family, he shared summertime fun on the water along with winter activities including snowmobiling and ice fishing. In Arizona, he and Kelly built a cabin in the beautiful northern pines, where they spent weekends enjoying nature and wildlife. Dave loved riding his Harley Davidson and going on deep sea fishing excursions. He and Kelly traveled all over the United States often to explore parks, visit friends and family, and to spend time in the outdoors. When he retired in 2020, Dave was ready to return to beautiful western Minnesota to spend time with his sons, granddaughter, brothers and longtime friends. It was in Ottertail where he and Kelly built their home on the river and immersed themselves in nature each day. Dave spent his final days at home with his loved ones following a brief illness.

Dave was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. His generosity, humor, and adventurous spirit will live on through countless stories and memories of experiences shared with family and friends.

Surviving Dave are his wife Kelly; his sons Joshua, Jason, and Jeremy (Emily) and their brother Adam; granddaughter Savanna; brothers John (Rachelle) and Thomas (Gwen); nephews Caden (Megan) with great-nieces Ryan, Maren, and Karsyn and Reid (Reilee).

Preceding Dave in death were his parents; his brother Eugene; and Kelly's son Conner.

# *Celebrating* THE *Life* OF



## David J. Summers

January 16, 1956 - June 12, 2023



Don't think of him as gone away -  
his **JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN**,  
life holds so many facets -  
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of *warmth*  
**AND COMFORT**  
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.

In the *Hearts* And think of him as living  
of those he touched  
For nothing loved is ever lost -  
And he was loved so much.  
- Ellen Brenneman

## Memorial Service

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
Schoeneberger Funeral & Cremation Service  
Perham, Minnesota

## Officiant

Pastor Andrew Ratcliffe

## Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"Seagull"- Bad Company

## Readings

Matthew 5:4 & Romans 8:18

## Interment (at a later date)

Lostwood Cemetery - Lostwood, North Dakota

